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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Alicia Chevalier. (3) _____
 (2) Glen P. Belvis (31,735). (4) _____

Date of Interview: 14 March 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: All pending claims.

Identification of prior art discussed: Pieniak (5,098,423) and Kielpikowski (6,056,733).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative tried to explain the difference between the cited references and the instant claimed invention. By pointing out that the elongation of the references were talking about were only on the elastic members and not the whole composite. Examiner was still not statisfied thought that the reference didn't inherently possess this property.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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Examiner's signature, if required